Allotment of book stalls

1389. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allot book stalls on Indian Railways to the reputed publishers/distributers/book sellers on the pattern of new catering policy dated 6th January, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the categories/persons to whom the book stalls are awarded on Railway platforms and the procedure therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (c) As per policy, new bookstall contracts are allotted to Co-operative Societies of actual workers/vendors, Co-operative Societies of Unemployed Graduates within the age group of 18 to 30 years, Partnerships and Associations of Unemployed Graduates and individual Unemployed Graduates, except at stations/platforms where the existing contractor has sole selling rights under the Agreement. Applications are called for from eligible categories and allotment of bookstall contracts is made after scrutiny by a Screening Committee of Officers and approval by competent authority. There is no proposal to change this policy.

Contract awarded to Asea Brown Bovery of Swiss firm

1390. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have awarded the $ 190 million Asian Development Bank funded contract to the Swiss firm 'Asea Brown Bovery'; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has been done without the claerance from the Public Investment Board or the Cabinet Committee for Economic Affairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. The letter of acceptance has been issued.

(b) Yes, Sir. Such procurement by the Ministry of Railways does not require the clearance of the Public Investment Board or the Cabinet Committee for Economic Affairs.

Metropolitan Railway Projects

1391. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Metropolitan Railway Projects in Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras, Hyderabad and Bangalore;

(b) what are the commuter rail projects in Bombay and their funding arrangements;

(c) what is the progress of railway project in New-Bombay; and

(d) the progress made in the creation of New Railway Terminal at KURLA on Central Railway and new terminal on Western Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) *Bombay*:

1. Mankhurd-Belapur Railway Line Project.
2. Additional pair of lines between Bandra and Andheri.

Calicutt:

1. Metre Railway, Calcutta from Dum Dum Junction ot Tollyganj.

Madras:

1. Rapid Transit System from Madrsa Beach to Luz.

Delhi: No Metropolitan Railway
Hyderabad: Project is under execution
Bangalore: by the Railways.

(b) *Mankhurd-Balapur Railway Line Project*: Cost of this project is beingshared between the State Government of Maharashtra and the Railways in the proportion of 67 per cent:33 per cent respectively.

2. *Additional pair of lines between Bandra and Andheri*: It is being fully funded by the Railways.

(c) In New Bombay, Mankhurd-Vashi section of the Mankhurd-Belapur Railway Line Project has been opened for traffic in May, '92. Work on the balance length from Vashi to Belapur is in progress.

(d) A new Passenger Terminal at Kurla has since been partially commissioned in November, 1991. Further work on this terminal can be taken up only after the receipt of the final verdict of the High Court|Supreme Court about the disputed land.

A new Passenger Terminal at Bandra could be commissioned on 1-7-1992 only partially on account of the encroachments on its proposed approaches.

रेलव आरक्षण के मामले में भ्रष्टाचार

1392. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि देश में रेलवे आरक्षण के मामले में बड़े पैमाने पर भ्रष्टाचार व्याप्त है; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इसे रोकने के लिए किए गये प्रयासों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) रेल आरक्षण में भ्रष्टाचार के कुछ मामले ध्यान में आए हैं।

(ख) (i) इस बुराई को रोकने के लिए समूचे देश में सतर्कता (विशेष दस्ता), रेलवे बोर्ड सहित सभी क्षेत्रीय रेलों के सतर्कता संगठनों द्वारा अचानक जांच की जाती है, तथा छापे मारे जाते हैं। आरक्षण/बुकिंग कार्यालयों और गाड़ियों में रेलवे बोर्ड के सतर्कता (विशेष दस्ता) सहित सभी क्षेत्रीय रेलों के सतर्कता संगठनों द्वारा वर्ष 1991 के दौरान 14798 जांचें और वर्ष 1992 (मई, 92 तक) के दौरान 6175 जांचें की गई थीं,

(ii) रेल अधिनियम, 1989 के तहत, गैर-कानूनी रूप से टिकट खरीदकर बाद में उन्हें अन्य व्यक्तियों को बेच देने वाले दलालों के लिए दण्ड में भारी वृद्धि की गई है।

(iii) समाचार पत्रों, दूरदर्शन, इश्तहारों आदि के माध्यम से जनता को शिक्षित किया जाता है कि वे अप्राधिकृत व्यक्तियों से टिकटें न खरीदें।

(iv) विशेषकर गर्मियों की भीड़-भाड़ के दौरान और दुर्गा पूजा/दशहरा/दिवाली के अवसरों पर आरक्षण कार्यालयों में कदाचारों की रोकथाम के लिए विशेष संगठित अभियान चलाए जाते हैं।

(v) वर्ष 1991 के दौरान जाली नामों से खरीदे गए रेल आरक्षण टिकटों की बिक्री में संलिप्त 2269 दलाल पकड़े गए थे। इसी प्रकार मई, 92 तक 983 दलाल पकड़े गए हैं।

(vi) वर्ष 1991 के दौरान विभिन्न गाड़ियों में 9153 यात्री जाली नामों से हस्तांतरित टिकटों पर यात्रा करते हुए पाए गए थे। चालू वर्ष में मई, 92 तक ऐसे व्यक्तियों की संख्या 2796 है। दलालों की गतिविधियों की रोकथाम करने और साथ ही यात्रियों को शिक्षित करने के लिए इन जांचों में वृद्धि की जा रही है।